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(WASHINGTON, DC) -- Last night, Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) commemorated the life and accomplishments of Harriett Woods by introducing H.R. 1617 to name a post office in her honor. The post office, located in University City at 561 Kingsland Avenue, would be known as "The Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building." The location was chosen due to the fact that Woods began her political career in University City and it was the post office that served Woods for nearly 50 years.

**"Harriett Woods was a role model and inspiration to young people, but especially young women,"** Carnahan said. **"I am proud to introduce legislation to name her hometown post office in her honor, ensuring that her memory lives on."**

Woods had a storied political career, beginning in the 1960s as a member of her local city council, where she became the first woman appointed to the state highway commission. She was elected to the Missouri state senate in 1976, where she sponsored an equal rights amendment to the state Constitution. While in the state senate, she also passed landmark legislation that led to a drunk driving law and nursing home reform, both which became national models adopted by other states. In 1984, she was elected Lieutenant Governor, becoming the first woman elected to statewide office in Missouri history.

This legislation was introduced in March, Women's History Month, to further amplify Woods' extraordinary achievement in Missouri politics and public service. Woods was a trailblazer for women in politics even after she left elected office. She served for four years as president of the non-partisan National Women's Political Caucus. During her tenure, the number of women elected to Congress increased dramatically, including the historic "Year of the Woman" election of 1992.